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SUMMARY: ENRICO AILLAUD, PRESENTLY ITALIAN AMBASSADOR TO AUSTRIA, HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS HIS COUNTRY' S FIRST AMBASSADOR TO THE GDR. HE RECENTLY RETURNED FROM AN EXPLORATORY TRIP TO EAST BERLIN WHERE HE MET WITH FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIALS AT HIGHEST LEVELS AND WAS ROYALLY ENTERTAINED. IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH ME AT RECENT URUGUAYAN AMBASSADOR' S DINNER HE MADE FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS. END SUMMARY.

1. EAST GERMANS WERE EXTREMELY COOPERATIVE. AILLAUD FOUND EXCELLENT SPACE FOR CHANCERY AND RESIDENCE ON UNTER DEN LINDEN AT REASONABLE RENTAL. NO PROBLEM BRINGING IN FURNITURE AND DECORATING ITEMS.

2. GDR OFFICIALS, INCLUDING GDR AMBASSADOR- DESIGNATE TO ITALY, INDICATED COST IS NO OBJECT IN SETTING UP APPROPRIATE REPRESENTATION IN ROME (LOOKING FOR ONE OF FINEST CHEFS IN ROME).

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3. AILLAUD, ONE OF SHREWDEST DIPLOMATS IN ITALIAN FOREIGN SERVICE, BELIEVE BONN WILL BE QUICKLY OUTSHONE ON DIPLOMATIC FRONT UNLESS IT TAKES CORRECTIVE MEASURES TO UPGRADE QUALITY OF ITS DIPLOMATS AND EXPANDS LIMITED REPRESENTATIONAL FUNCTIONS. AILLAUD COMPARED DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS OF GDR NOW BEING PLANNED FOR WESTERN POSTS TO WELL ORGANIZED, MASSIVE AND HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGN OF GDR FOR MUNICH OLYMPICS.

4. ONE GDR FOREIGN OFFICIAL INDICATED GDR WOULD LEAD REUNIFICATION OF GERMANY. " PRUSSIA HAD ALWAYS BEEN DRIVING FORCE IN THIS DIRECTION, NOT BAVARIA," HE SAID SOMEWHAT MOCKINGLY.

5. AILLAUD IS EXTREMELY FRIENDLY TO US. SUGGEST CONSULTATION WITH HIM IN EAST BERLIN AT APPROPRIATE TIME. HUMES

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